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Joseph F. Finnegan, Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, today announced the opening of a field office in Hartford, Connecticut. The new office is located at 99 Pratt Street.

The Hartford office will be staffed by three experienced mediators, Francis H. Ballou, George Bennett and Charles Werkheiser.

All three have been stationed in the Hartford area for several years and are well acquainted with the labor relations problems of the area.

Establishment of this office is a move toward more efficient and economic service to labor, management and the public. It will provide for an effective interchange of workload and coverage in the Connecticut area and make available suitable, neutral conference space for labor and management attending mediation meetings.